

to bar the IRS from ever reviewing his tax returns—not just for himself; for his family, for his trusts, and his affiliated companies.

So it is obvious to the American people that Congress needs to act to rein in this corrupt behavior.

I should underscore a point here because on the one hand, there have been these measures to block the creation of the fund. There are other ways for payments to go out from the Department of Justice. So it is not just the creation of the fund that needs to be blocked; payment to those convicted of violence on January 6 needs to be explicitly clear.

Now, I am a little surprised but not shocked at what I have seen in the last couple of weeks because now we see Republicans reverse quickly. Just a couple weeks ago, many of them were very concerned about this proposal. Yet, simultaneously, they would come to the floor to block my bill to prohibit the payouts to January 6 insurrectionists. Now, today, they have objected to Senator SCHUMER's bill to fix this once again.

So let me be clear: This fight is not over. The American people cannot and will not bear the cost of corruption that this administration has created.

While the slush fund is apparently dead for now, we have our eye on the many financial claims that were filed by January 6 insurrectionists that are still pending at the Department of Justice given other programs and pots of funding, which is why, colleagues, unless we pass my legislation, there is nothing to stop the DOJ from handing hard-working American taxpayer money out the door to January 6 rioters. And until we pass Senator SCHUMER's legislation, President Trump will continue to seek lifetime immunity from tax audits.

If our Republican colleagues will not join Democrats to address this, I guarantee you the American people will.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak before the previously scheduled recess.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, I find it quite interesting that my Democratic colleagues are now seeking to somehow block some of the funds of the Department of Justice when they would never do this before. I mentioned earlier that Republicans put forward the Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act. In four previous Congresses, not a single Democrat was willing to join; not a single Democrat was willing to help us rein in the Department of Justice. Yet, when we find abject weaponization of the Department of Justice, when we have my own staff—and I would ask any of the staff in this room to think about it, put themselves in their shoes. If you happen to work in the White House under a Republican administra-

tion, then you can find yourself, under a weaponized DOJ, subject to subpoena, subject to depositions, and your parents are putting \$200,000, \$300,000, \$400,000 of their life savings at stake to protect and defend their children. This is exactly the conversation I had with my staff and their parents. It is heart-breaking. It needs to stop, and there needs to be accountability so this never happens again.

I am not about to stand here and just sweep this under the rug and act like the weaponization of the Biden DOJ never happened. Not in history has anything happened like this before, where a sitting President goes after his opponent and all of his opponent's allies—subpoenaing U.S. Senators' phone records, like they did mine; having a corrupt operation with—it appears Verizon and the DOJ colluded. Maybe Verizon had a particular transaction like the Frontier acquisition that they wanted to curry favor with DOJ to achieve and therefore just violated the Constitution and handed my records over, along with other U.S. Senators'.

This should not be allowed to happen. We can't, as Americans, act like it never did, and to accept Senator SCHUMER and my colleague Senator PADILLA's recommendation would somehow give credence that nothing ever did happen. Indeed, the worst weaponization of government that we have ever seen in our lifetime did happen under the Biden administration.

I will not stand for it.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:57 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m., and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mrs. BRITT).

MORNING BUSINESS—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wisconsin.

WAR POWERS RESOLUTION

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam President, today I rise in support of ending Donald Trump's illegal war in Iran.

Over the weekend, President Trump told the American people this conflict is over. He said that Iran had agreed to a deal.

So why take this vote today? Well, I have heard that one before from this President. From trade to peace negotiations, President Trump often claims victory without any work to show for it.

The truth is, President Trump has not reached a deal with Iran. There is no agreement to end their nuclear program, no assurances that the war won't continue, and no evidence that Americans are better off today than they were before this all started. In fact, we

are told—all just by press reports—that he has merely reached an agreement to keep talking about a deal over the next 60 days. But we have zero details and are told to just take the President's word for it.

President Trump started this war over 100 days ago without signoff from Congress, the people's branch. He cost 13 servicemembers their lives, spent more than \$30 billion in taxpayer money, and jacked up energy costs for American families by \$450, on average. President Trump has asked working families to foot the bill for a war that they did not choose and do not like, and now he is claiming victory without a permanent solution in hand. At an immense cost to the American people, we are in a worse position than when President Trump started this war. That is why Donald Trump's wink-and-nod promise is simply not enough. My constituents want a guarantee that this expensive and unnecessary war is over once and for all.

Diplomacy has always been the path forward. Passing this resolution would finally force President Trump to follow the law, listen to the American people, and end the war that no one likes.

I urge my colleagues to listen to your constituents and end this war.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

WAR POWERS RESOLUTION

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam President, 3 weeks ago, this body voted to have a debate over the President's war in Iran; more specifically, whether the United States Congress should exercise its constitutional authority to declare war or to bring this conflict to an end. Since that time, the administration has announced that it has reached a deal with Iran to reopen the strait with an agreement to reach an agreement later over Iran's nuclear weapons. The President has made it clear that should Iran not agree to a deal over its nuclear program within 60 days, he will resume bombing.

I sincerely hope that this is the beginning of the end of the war and that our servicemembers will soon be coming home, but a still-secret agreement that postpones the difficult questions for 2 more months is little assurance when the President has so often during this conflict promised far more than he has delivered.

From the beginning, the President assured the country that the war would be "short" and it would be over "very soon." Just weeks after the conflict began, around 100 days ago, the President said that U.S. forces would be leaving "in the near future." He said talks were going very well and "very, very soon" the conflict would be over. "I think we won," he said.

That was on the last day of winter. This weekend will mark the first day of summer. This entire spring, the American public have stepped into the shoes